ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECEIVE BIDS FROM PRE-QUALIFIED BIDDERS

Owner: City of Huntsville, AL 320 Fountain Circle Huntsville, AL 35801

Project: Redstone Gateway Phase IA

Bid Packages:

1A-1 Fence Relocation 1A-2 Earthwork & Rail Spur Demo 1A-3 Paving & Intersection Modifications

The City of Huntsville, AL, requests applications for pre-qualification and bids from pre-qualified bidders for: Prime Contract Package Work referenced below in association with the construction of Redstone Gateway Phase IA, in Huntsville, Alabama. The Prime Contract Packages covered by this advertisement are below:

These packages include but are not limited to the following items:

1A-1 Fence Relocation – erosion control, clearing, new fencing & demolition of existing fence

1A-2 Earthwork & Rail Spur Demo – erosion control, clearing & grubbing, mass grading, preliminary storm sewer, rail spur demolition and critical path pad delivery

1A-3 Paving & Intersection Modifications – modifications to Visitor's Center Intersection, asphalt paving, curb & gutter, signage, striping, partial storm sewer, partial sanitary sewer

Pre-qualification submittals will be received until **September 24, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.** at the City of Huntsville Engineering Department as noted below. Three (3) copies of the pre-qualification submittal must be submitted. Pre-qualification applications may be obtained from Penny Kelly by submitting a written request via fax to the number noted below:

City of Huntsville
Engineering Department
P.O. Box 308
Huntsville, AL 35804
Phone 256/427-5300
Fax 256/427-5325
Contact: Penny Kelly

E-mail: penny.kelly@huntsvilleal.gov

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Qualifications will include, but will not be limited to, evaluation of the following criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated successful history of timely completion of 3 projects of similar size and scope in the past 5 years.
- 2. Bonding capacity through a bonding company having at least an A minus rating.
- 3. Properly licensed in the State of Alabama.
- 4. Degree of experience and familiarity with projects similar in nature.
- 5. List of ongoing and future projects that are anticipated to be underway during this project.

Upon review and approval of pre-qualification applications pre-qualified bidders will be notified on or before September 29, 2010. Only prime contractor bidders who have completed the pre-qualification process and have been approved to bid will be eligible to bid for the project. The Owner reserves the right to waive technical errors in applications, or abandon the pre-qualification process, should the interests of the Owner appear to be promoted thereby.

Bids will be received by the City of Huntsville, AL until 10:00 a.m. on October 15, 2010, and will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in the First Floor Conference Room at the City of Huntsville Public Services Building, 320 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished. (Bids shall be clearly identified on the exterior of the package with the bidder's name, address, state license number, the name and project number of the package being bid, and time and place of the bid opening. Sealed bids shall be properly identified.)

Bids may be sent by Air Courier, Delivery or Messenger Service or hand delivered to Attention: Penny Kelly, City of Huntsville Engineering Department, Public Services Building, 320 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801, or mailed by United States Postal Service to Attention: Penny Kelly, City of Huntsville Engineering Department, P.O. Box 308, Huntsville, AL 35804,. Delivery by any of these means must be received before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the date of the bid opening. After 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the date of the bid opening, bids must be hand delivered and presented at the bid opening. Sealed bids shall be submitted in triplicate and shall be properly identified. All bids received after 10:00 a.m. on the noted bid date will be returned unopened.

A cashier's check drawn on an Alabama bank or bid bond, executed by a surety company duly authorized and qualified to make such bonds in Alabama, payable to City of Huntsville, AL in the amount of 5% of the amount of bids, but in no event more than \$10,000.00, must accompany the bidder's bid.

Construction contracts shall be awarded only to qualified contractors, licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors, as required by Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama. Construction contracts in excess of \$50,000 shall be awarded only to contractors licensed as required by the 1978 Code of Alabama, Title 34, Chapter 8 as amended. Bidders must be "responsible" in accordance with criteria in the bid documents and as stipulated by Title 39-2-4-(e) of the Code of Alabama.

All bonds must be approved by the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Huntsville. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of acceptance of this proposal by City Council action, the contractor shall execute the contract and furnish to the Owner a payment (labor and material) bond and a performance bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, as well as a Certificate of Insurance. No contract extension will be allowed for delays in the issuance of the notice to proceed that are a result of the contractor failing to submit the required items within the 15 days.

Bid documents will be made available by the City of Huntsville Engineering Department on September 27, 2010, on the City of Huntsville website (http://www.huntsvilleal.gov/engineering/bidlist.html)

All requests for information concerning the bid documents must be submitted in writing to the City of Huntsville Engineering Department as noted above so the question can be addressed with the design consultant and/or Owner as required.

A MANDATORY Pre-bid Conference will be held on October 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Huntsville Public Services Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 320 Fountain Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801. Pre-qualified prime contract bidders must attend this pre-bid conference in order to be eligible to submit a bid.

Advertisement to run: Friday 9/10/10, Friday 9/17/10 & Monday 9/20/10.